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Docket No.: 28682/71100
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In re Patent Application of:
Tie Lan, et al

Application No.: 09/896961

Group Art Unit: 1714

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Examiner: K. Wyroebski-Lee

For: LAYERED CLAY INTERCALATES AND
EXFOLIATES HAVING A LOW QUARTZ
CONTENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated February 4, 2003, and prior to payment of the Issue Fee, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 38 and 47, without prejudice.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Total Claims	13	- 20 =		x	0.00
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